

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a retainer device *A* for selectively changing the amount of projection of a punch **1** so that the punch projection amount is increased when the punch **1** is used for pressworking and, conversely the punch projection amount is decreased when the punch **1** is not used for pressworking. In the retainer device *A*, guide pins **23** mounted on a cam **21** are moved in guide grooves **11** of a cam receiver **9** fastened to a punch holding body **2** so that the punch holding body **2** is forcibly moved up and down thereby causing the position of the punch **1** to switch between a use position and a non-use position.